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SUBJECT: EC MEDITERRANEAN POLICY

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 6999; (B) BONN 14401; (C) EC BRUSSELS 5527

1. A COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR MEDITERRANEAN NEGOTIATIONS HAS INFORMED US THAT A COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (COERPER) MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12 REACHED AGREEMENT ON THE LAST OUTSTANDING ISSUE BLOCKING NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MAGHREB, MALTA, SPAIN AND ISREAL. THE TECHNICAL ISSUE INVOLVED A BRITISH OBJECTION AND
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CENTERED ON WHETHER PREFERENTIAL DUTY REDUCTIONS ON FRUIT SALAD

UNDER THE AGREEMENTS SHOULD APPLY TO CONTAINERS OF FRUIT SALAD OVER 1 (ONE) KILO OR UNDER 1 (ONE) KILO. THE COREPER DECIDED THAT PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT WILL APPLY TO BOTH SIZES. AS A RESULT THE COUNCIL (FOREIGN MINISTERS) IS EXPECTED TO APPROVE THE SOLUTION AS A ROUTING "POINT" A ITEM ON SEPTEMBER 17, THUS OPENING THE WAY TO FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. THIS FRUIT SALAD ISSUE HAS ARISEN DESPITE THE GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT GENERAL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AT THE JULY 22-23 COUCIL MEETING (REF C).

2. OUR CONTACT INDICATES HE EXPECTS THE ISREALIS TO BE IN BRUSSELS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS AROUND THE 3RD OF OCTOBER. MAGHREB REPRESENTATIVES WILL COME TO BRUSSELS IN THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER. DATES FOR SPAIN AND MALTA ARE NOT YET CONFIRMED. GREENWALD

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